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WHEN IT WAS TIME,
I HAD TO FOLLOW HIM WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.



LIVING IN THIS CONSENT ARMY,
I WISHED I COULD JUST DIE SO I WOULDN'T FEEL ANYTHING...



I PRETENDED IT WAS FROM FALLING OVER. BUT WE ALL KNEW.



THE ONLY WAY I'D LEAVE THIS PLACE WAS
BY EITHER KILLING MYSELF, OR IF THEY KILLED ME.



BUT WHENEVER I TRIED TO BITE MY TONGUE OFF,
ALL I COULD FEEL WAS MORE PAIN.

WE'RE LUCKY
HIS TONGUE'S STILL THERE.
WE ONLY NEED TO STITCH UP
THE PART THAT WAS CUT..

WE TIED HIM UP
BECAUSE HE DIVED INTO THE
VENTILATOR. BUT NOW HE'S
BITING HIS TONGUE...

CLINK

THAT'S NO GOOD...



DRIP



AFTER MY MOM WAS FREED FROM HER SUFFERING
BY THESE PEOPLE, SHE KEPT APPEARING AS A GHOST.



Ughh...

Ughh...

URSHH...

Ughh...

Ughh...





BUT AS I KEPT SEEING HER...



I REALIZED THAT WASN'T THE MOM THAT LEFT ME AND GIRA BEHIND...



IT WAS MY HORROR THAT I WOULD DIE FEELING
THIS PAIN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.





SIRA ALWAYS HELD MY HAND.



WHENEVER I HAD NIGHTMARES...





W-WHAT!

W-WHAT'LL HAPPEN
TO US IF WE LEAVE?

LET'S NOT GO!
NO...I WANT TO
STAY HERE...SO YOU
SHOULD STAY TOO!





IF WE CAN'T FOLLOW MOM, WE NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, DON'T WE?

DO YOU LIKE IT HERE? ARE YOU HAPPY?

EVEN IF WE'RE NOT HAPPY, THEY PROTECT US, DON'T THEY?

THEY FEED US AND KEEP US WARM!



GIVE ME A BREAK.

ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE HAPPY BEING THEIR LAB RAT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?



ALWAYS IN PAIN...

ALWAYS COVERED IN BRUISES AND BEING MONITORED...

ARE YOU CONTENT WITH NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE A SINGLE RAY OF SUNLIGHT UNTIL YOU DIE?



IS THAT HAPPINESS?



DID YOU FORGET
HOW MOM DIED
ALREADY?

YOU'RE ONLY SAYING
THAT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEE
WHAT THEY DID TO MOM.

BUT...THEY SAID
IT WOULD BE EVEN
SCARIER OUTSIDE.



MORE RAINFUL...

...AND EVEN MORE GRUESOME!



HE SAID THIS PLACE
IS SAFER AND WARMER
AND HE DIDN'T NEED
TO WORRY HERE.

...RHOF



WHO SAID
THAT?



WAS IT NACHA?



2008







...YURA!

*WHenever I tried to bite my tongue off,
all I could feel was more pain.*



*if that's how it was going to be,
I decided I needed to become stronger,
I needed to get a body that could hurt them,
and stop me from feeling pain.*



WE NEED TO
GET STRONGER.

I'M GOING TO
BE STRONGER THAN
THAT BASTARD.

I PROMISED
MOM.





I PROMISED HER...

THAT IF WE
COULDN'T FOLLOW HER,
I'D BECOME STRONGER
AND PROTECT YOU.

IF I'M STRONG,
YOU AND I WON'T
HAVE TO FEEL PAIN.

I...



I...DON'T KNOW.



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOOD AND
WHAT'S BAD.

EVEN IF WE'RE
LUCKY ENOUGH TO
GET OUT, WHAT IF WE
END UP SOMEWHERE
WORSE?

WHAT IF IT'S
THE SAME
OUTSIDE?

...I'M SCARED,
AREN'T YOU,
YURI?





I'M...
MORE SCARED
OF STAYING
STILL.



MOVE IT TO
THE RECOVERY ROOM.

CREAK

!!

HUHF!
THOSE RATS!

QUICK!

WE HAVE TO
GET TO THE
GARBAGE CHUTE

PANT

PANT

PANT



BAYG



BEEEEEEP

STOP
RIGHT THERE!!

PLEASE INSERT
THE GARBAGE.

WHAT THE HELL
ARE YOU PLANNING
THIS TIME!

CLANG

QUICK!
THIS IS OUR
ONLY CHANCE!!



PLEASE INSERT
THE GARBAGE.

YOU LITTLE...!!

STOP
RIGHT THERE!!



CALL SECURITY!

SUBJECTS 0801 AND
0802 HAVE ESCAPED!

I NEED BACKUP
AT THE WESTERN WARD.



SUBJECTS ARE
ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE
THROUGH THE GARBAGE CHUTE!

UNDERSTOOD. HEADING TO
THE WESTERN WARD RIGHT NOW.
CLOSING DOWN THE INCINERATION
CHAMBER.



STOMP
stomp stomp
stomp

STOP!!



YU-YU-URA!

HURRY!
WE CAN'T LET EITHER
ONE OF THEM
ESCAPE!



CRACK

KYAAA!!

UWAAH!!

DAMNED RATS!

CLUNK

ARGH



CSCIE
STOP THAT AT ONCE!!

WHERE ARE OUR
REINFORCEMENTS?



THERE'S NOWHERE
TO ESCAPE! DON'T DO
ANYTHING RASH!

YEAH RIGHT!
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING
TO US WITHOUT
MACHIA ANYWAY!



INCINERATION CHAMBER
CLOSING IN 30 SECONDS.

SIRE
THIS IS OUR LAST
CHANCE! I'LL STOP
THE DOCTORS, SO
JUMP DOWN!

QUICK!



EVEN IF YOU JUMP DOWN,
YOU'LL BE BURNED TO A CRISP!
ARE YOU THAT DESPERATE
TO DIE?



YOU HUMANS
DIE EASILY BECAUSE
OF YOUR STUPID
DESIRES.

YOU'VE ONLY
LIVED THIS LONG
THANKS TO US.

GIRA,
WAKE UP!
THIS PLACE
ISN'T SAFE!!



WE CAN'T BE
THEIR LAB RATS
FOREVER!!

ARE YOU HAPPY HERE?!



INCINERATION CHAMBER
CLOSING IN 20 SECONDS...



DEED

INCINERATION CHAMBER
CLOSING IN 10 SECONDS...







STRATI



R
R
R
R
R



I TOLD
YOU TO STAY IN
YOUR ROOM.

HOW MANY
TIMES DO I HAVE
TO TELL YOU NOT
TO DO THAT



IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
TO OPERATE ON YOURSELF.
AND EVEN IF IT WORKED,
YOU'D DIE SOON ANYWAY.

THERE'S A LIMIT
TO THE AMOUNT OF
BLOOD YOU CAN
REPLACE.



YOU'RE DIFFERENT
FROM US, YURA.



IT'S BECAUSE
I'M DIFFERENT
THAT I'M HERE.



IT'S BECAUSE
I'M DIFFERENT THAT
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU,
NO, EVEN STRONGER.

IT'S BECAUSE
I'M DIFFERENT,
THAT I HAVE
TO HIDE...

AND
BE SCARED...



AND BE
PROTECTED,
LIKE A KID.

WHY CAN'T I BE
LIKE THE MACHINES?

WHY COULDN'T
I BE BORN
STRONG?

EVERYONE...
IS STRONG, WHY
AREN'T I?



I...

I WANT TO BE
LIKE THEM TOO!

NO,
I HAVE TO BE
STRONGER!

I NEED A STRONG
BODY THAT DOESN'T
GET DAMAGED!





SISH...

LET'S STOP
THE BLEEDING
FOR NOW.

YOU'RE
BLEEDING TOO MUCH.



THAT'S ENOUGH. SIT.



WHY?!

I'LL DIE EASILY
WHEREVER I GO,
WHY DO YOU CARE?!



JUST SELL ME
TO THE DEALERS!

AT LEAST THEN
I CAN BECOME WHAT
I WANT TO BE, INSTEAD
OF HIDING IN THIS DUMP
ALL THE TIME!



DO YOU THINK YOU
HAVE MULTIPLE LIVES
OR SOMETHING?

YOU CAN'T
BE RIGHT EVERY
TIME.

YOU'LL GIVE
YOURSELF UP TO
THE DEALERS AND
WHAT? BECOME
STRONGER??



YOU WANT A BODY
THAT DOESN'T GET INJURED
AND DOESN'T BLEED?

THAT'S JUST THE SHELL.



YOU'RE BLAMING YOUR SHELL.
YURA, POWER ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER
YOU'RE MADE OF FLESH OR STEEL!

I DON'T CARE
IF IT'S JUST THE SHELL.
I JUST DON'T WANNA
FEEL ANY PAIN.

I DON'T CARE
ABOUT ANYTHING, AS LONG
AS I CAN BE STRONGER THAN
EVERY OTHER MACHINE!



YOU DON'T
KNOW WHERE
I'M FROM.

I NEED TO BECOME
STRONGER THAN THOSE
GUYS IF I WANT TO
SAVE SIRA.

WOW! YOU WERE
ALL ARGUING SO
LOUDLY, I COULDN'T
EVEN INTERFERE!

I WAS GOING TO KEEP
WATCHING, BUT IT WAS STARTING
TO GET BORING YOU SEE"



IT WAS AN INTERESTING
STORY, BUT...I PREFER
ACTIONS OVER WORDS.

SOPHIE,
YOU...!

HEY, YURA.



I'LL TAKE
YOU TO THE
DEALERS.

TO BE CONTINUED..